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1. ROSENWITZ (Z65). 7-8 October

a. There have been no major changes in ROSENWITZ since July 1948. All
bulletins are full. Terrain exercises by rifle troops were observed on both
dates. Armored exercises also have taken place, sometimes with live am-
munition. Vehicles in the terrain exercises:

b. there were about 1,200 armored
vehicles in the vicinity of MARQUARDT-PARAGONI (Z54) and GROSS GLENECKE
(Z64). These are said to have come from around POTSDAM and NW of BERLIN.

2. ORANIEBURG (Z67). 11-12 October

350 tanks departed dur-
ing July 1948 and went to TETLIN (Z61). There remain about 220, mainly
T-34/85, JS-1 and JS-2. The first ring of the KZ area is held by 6,000
armored troops; the second ring contains prisoners and guards.

c. About 500 artillerymen were camped in the woods near the Kaiserwerk,
at the northern exit of ORANIEBURG and west of the ORANIEBURG-SACHSEN-
HAUSEN road. Five 152 mm howitzers were observed, also a ration truck
from the concentration camp area.

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d. The midtown Schloss is held by about 1,500 motorized riflemen, chief-
ly recruits. There are no vehicle facilities and no traffic was observed.

e. A small forest camp between SACHSENHAUSEN and NASTENHEIDE (Z48) is
under construction. It is bordered on the east by the BLUMEN-NEUSEHEIDE
railroad line and on the west by Reichstrasse 96. Building material is
delivered only by night.

3. WERNERHOF (Z49). 13-15 October

a. The barracks south of town, direction WERNERHOF (Z49), can accommodate
about 4,000 men if attic space is utilized. All rooms were lighted during
nights of observation. Recruits were seen training with three 76.2 mm AT

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guns in the compound, while motorized rifle troops received ground combat training on adjacent grounds. These latter men also received instruction, in groups of seven, in the use of automatic weapons. Parked and moving vehicles [redacted]

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b. Trucks were seen loading ammunition at a depot south of NEURUPPIN between the NEURUPPIN-FARBEBELLEN road and the RUPPNER SEE, which was formerly a brewery. The load was 45 cases, each measuring about 60 x 75 x 100 cm; these were hauled to a training area north of NEURUPPIN and south of GIBSTOCK (III). Two railroad tank cars also were unloaded. [redacted]

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c. North of the former brewery is a barracks capable of holding about 3,000 but currently occupied by 1,500-2,000 motorized rifle troops, mainly recruits. Armored troops were quartered there during summer 1949. The installation has three garages, holding about 45 trucks (apparently total), and a new large wooden shed, built during summer 1949, which can accommodate 200-250 trucks or tanks. On 13 October, 90 trucks [redacted] were seen there on blocks. On 14 October, twelve [redacted] returned to the pool from training north of NEURUPPIN. The western sector of this complex may be held by a staff, judging from the number of cars and communications cables in evidence. Parked vehicles [redacted]

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[redacted] All vehicle personnel wore armored insignia. On 13 October, car VP CC-001 delivered a Volkspolizei general with another officer, who remained in the staff building for three hours and then drove off in the direction of GIBSTOCK.

d. A Panzer Kaserne north of NEURUPPIN, on the road to ALTRUPPIN, consists of 13 building blocks with an estimated capacity of 3,000-7,000 men. It appeared to be fully occupied by armored troops. Garages were closed, but twenty-five JS-3 were parked in front of them. Twelve more JS-3 were being repaired at an adjacent shop.

e. Local workers claimed that there were 200-250 tanks and SU's in the above Panzer Kaserne sheds. [redacted] the NEURUPPIN strength total is 15,000-18,000 men. No reinforcements have come in since late July 1949.

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f. Vehicle traffic at the Panzer Kaserne: [redacted]

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g. About 800 engineer troops were seen constructing emergency bridges at a training area north of NEURUPPIN and SW of MOLCHOW (Z49) on 13 October. Half-finished parts were brought by raft from the RUPPNER SEE; completed parts were trucked to the northern training area. [redacted]

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4. NEURUPPIN ADICIZED, 13 October

This is a courier field for the NEURUPPIN staff. Only one PC-2 was on the field and only a few SAZ troops. Former hangars are being enlarged. At present, there are about 1,500 motorized rifle troops in the three habitable building blocks and about 80 Stueebakers in sheds. [redacted]

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5. RATHENOW (Z15), 21-22 October

a. Troops began to return to RATHENOW from training at ALTENGRABOW (Z00) about 10 October. Barracks have been renovated and their attics converted to additional billet space since the summer.

b. The former Infanterie Kaserne near the RATHENOW/NORD Bahnhof has an estimated capacity of 3,000 and seemed to be fully occupied by artillerymen. Twelve 152 mm howitzers 33 were parked in sheds [redacted]

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c. The former Douaumont or Pionier Kaserne on the road to SEMLIN (216) lies next to the former Kraftfahrzeug or Natzmer Kaserne. Doors of the former are shut and all traffic goes through the latter. Total strength for both barracks is about 6,000 artillerymen. Approximately 60 guns were parked in wooden shelters north of the barracks; 15 were 152 mm. most of the rest were 100 mm.

d. A local worker stated that one small RATHENOW unit, with vehicles is still at ALTENGRABOW although its guns have been returned to RATHENOW.

e. The RATHENOW staff has returned to its barracks complex on the Bahnhofstrasse, formerly known as the Ziethen or Polized Kaserne. Vehicle traffic is heavy in this area, most passengers being artillery officers.

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f. A large vehicle repair shop, servicing all RATHENOW units, has been established at the edge of town on the road to FRI-SACK (227). The shop occupies a former Waldschloss.

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g. [redacted] some of RATHENOW's artillerymen formerly were stationed in POTSDAM. Some 300 dependents of these men are expected to arrive in the near future.

6. LETZLINGER HEIDE, 24 October

No indications were seen of an imminent departure of troops at these training grounds. The GARDELBOGEN-DOLLE road (Y44-63) remains blocked to civilian traffic. No loading preparations were evident at railroad stations between GARDELBOGEN and STENDAL and STENDAL and MAGDEBURG. No training exercises were observed. Vehicles with armored troops, entering the area [redacted]

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7. TUTOW AIRFIELD (P80), 26 October

There is no work in progress. Workers originally drafted to labor at this airfield have been shifted to TROLLERHAGEN (U67). §

8. SCHORFHEIDE, 27-28 October

a. At the entrance to the area, near LYCHEN (U72), tanks were seen moving towards BREDEREICHE (U61); [redacted]

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b. Vehicles entering the area from the directions of FUERSTENBERG (U82), NEUSTEHLITZ (U64), and FUERSTENBERG (U84); [redacted]

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[redacted] Vehicles leaving the area towards FUERSTENBERG [redacted]

9. ALT LUEDERSDORF (U60), 26 October

Units in the SCHORFHEIDE utilize a large armored repair shop in ALT LUEDERSDORF. Vehicles were seen arriving from the directions of BREDEREICHE and DANNENFALDE (U61) with rations, building materials, wood, coal, and stoves. [redacted]

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§ Comment: [redacted] intense building activity and construction of a new (and second) concrete runway at TROLLERHAGEN airfield, [redacted]

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